

## **DUF6 Draft RFP Questions & Answers**

**Note: Potential offerors are cautioned that proposals should be based upon the requirements as set forth in the solicitation and not upon “anticipated” requirements as identified in these answers.**

**Question 1:**

Cover Letter: The cover letter states that projected award will be in late 2010. What is DOE's schedule for the approximate 2 years? This time period would appear excessive and potentially cause increased bid costs for the contractors.

**Answer 1:**

The SEB wants to ensure sufficient time for complete evaluation of proposals and determination of a competitive range with discussions, if necessary.

**Question 2:**

Cover Letter (2nd paragraph): The RFP addresses the first 5 years of the 25 years required. Will the final RFP include options for additional periods of performance for the contract?

**Answer 2:**

It is anticipated that the contracts awarded from this RFP will be for five years with no options.

**Question 3:**

Section B.1: Will there be base fee and award fee portions or will all of the fee be award fee?

**Answer 3:**

There is currently no base fee, all is award fee.

**Question 4:**

Section B.1: Does the term "equipment" include cylinder yard equipment; e.g. cylinder stackers?

**Answer 4:**

Cylinder yard equipment is expected to be Government furnished property which will be identified in the final RFP.

**Question 5:**

Section B.3: Who will be the Fee Determining Official?

**Answer 5:**

It is anticipated that the head of the Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office will be the Fee Determination Official.

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### **Question 6:**

Section B.3: Will DOE develop and award fee plan and include it as part of the formal RFP? If not, how will the FDO make his/her award fee evaluations?

### **Answer 6:**

The award fee plan will be determined by the time of contract award.

### **Question 7:**

Asking that the Government provide an operational manual for each step in the operation of your DUF6 facilities to address: Department types and responsibilities

### **Answer 7:**

Various operational documents and procedures will be posted to the DUF6 website prior to release of the final RFP. See the Reference Documents / Comments section of the webpage.

### **Question 8:**

Section C: Will DOE prepare a list of deliverables along with scheduled submittal periods and include it with the formal RFP?

### **Answer 8:**

Deliverables will be described in Section F in the final RFP with specific detail in Table F-1.

### **Question 9:**

Section C.2.1.5: Will the disposal sites DOE is considering for the uranium oxide accept transuranics at the levels stated in Table C.2?

### **Answer 9:**

In general, low-level waste disposal sites will not accept wastes with transuranics (TRU) > 100 nCi/g. As stated in the RFP, Section C.4.9, it is not anticipated that TRU waste will be produced as a result of conversion operations, but may be found in the heels of some emptied cylinders (See Final EISs, Appendices B, <http://web.ead.anl.gov/uranium/documents/index.cfm>). The existence of residual TRU does not preclude the cylinders from being refilled, as long as they meet the requirements for filling. Should a cylinder with residual TRU be unsuitable for refilling and the level of TRU contamination exceed 100 nCi/g, it would have to be managed in accordance with DOE Order 435.1. Please note that this does not automatically mean the cylinder is TRU (e.g., DOE Order 435.1 allows some flexibility for concentration averaging after addition of stabilizing material). It is expected that the DUF6 contractor will assist DOE with disposition of these wastes in accordance with C.4.9.

### **Question 10:**

Section C.2.1.10: Can DOE provide the supplemental analysis discussed in this section prior to the date comments on the draft RFP are due? If not, when can this information be provided?

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### **Answer 10:**

The draft Supplement Analysis (SA) is available at:

<http://web.ead.anl.gov/uranium/documents/index.cfm>. The final SA will be made available at this site upon issuance.

### **Question 11:**

Section C.2.2.1 and C.2.2.2: Have single rail systems at each site been upgraded? Are railroad deliveries and shipments limited to only one rail line?

### **Answer 11:**

The rail system within the DUF6 facility is new and the connections to the plant wide rail system have been upgraded. The rail access to and from the main DOE facility has not been changed. There are no rail deliveries of raw material; only outgoing materials, either HF acid or modified rail cars with oxide cylinders, will be shipped from the DUF6 plant. It is expected that the timing of these shipments should not be critical; therefore, any delays due to rail access out of the DOE facility should not be a problem.

### **Question 12:**

Section C.2.3.2: Will the new contractor be expected to receive LEU or MEU for conversion or for cylinder S&M?

### **Answer 12:**

The contractor will be required to store and maintain existing LEU and NU cylinders in the DUF6 cylinder yards. However, only depleted UF6 cylinders will be processed by the DUF6 conversion facility.

### **Question 13:**

Section C.2.3.2: Regarding the inventory of DUF6, does this inventory include new cylinders? If not, what is the yearly estimate?

### **Answer 13:**

The inventory levels listed in the RFP are current and do not reflect any additional cylinders generated by enrichment processes.

### **Question 14:**

Section C.2.3.2: Will the Facility Description Documents (FDDs) and System Requirements Documents (SRDs) be made available for review prior to the date comments are due on the draft RFP or during the formal solicitation period?

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### **Answer 14:**

The SEB has begun and will continue to post FDD, SRD, and other technical reference documents to the DUF6 website. Some references have already been posted and all postings are scheduled to be completed before release of the final RFP.

### **Question 15:**

Section C.2.4: Is any proprietary AREVA technology contained in the process that will require the new contractor to purchase license agreements, parts, reactants, or service contracts from AREVA?

### **Answer 15:**

The DUF6 facility and installed process systems and equipment will be provided as Government-furnished property. Parts or service agreements may be established with AREVA at the option of the offeror.

### **Question 16:**

Section C.2.4.1: This section states "The Conversion Process for the Conversion Facilities has been designed and built..." Has the technology been proven? Will the same technology be transferred to new contractor along with all applicable engineering and test information?

### **Answer 16:**

The technology is based on facilities currently in operation. This RFP seeks a contractor to safely and effectively start-up and operate the process and facilities. Substantial design information will be available as reference material prior to final RFP release, and additional construction and testing information will be provided during contract transition.

### **Question 17:**

Section C, Table C.5: Will contracts to supply chemicals listed in this table already be in place and be transferable/assignable to the new contractor or will the new contractor have to negotiate new contracts for these chemicals?

### **Answer 17:**

The new contractor will have to acquire most of these chemicals. Nitrogen supplies are currently from leased facilities and are assignable.

### **Question 18:**

Section C.2.4.2.2: Have the empty or heel cylinders been approved by the appropriate regulatory agencies (I.e. DOT/NRC) for use as shipping containers?

### **Answer 18:**

Empty 30- and 48-in cylinders will be inspected by the successful contractor for acceptability as DOT-compliant packaging for transporting U oxide. Expected DOT Shipping

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Classification: Low Specific Activity (LSA-I or LSA-II) waste with an IP-1 or IP-2 package (49 CFR 173.403 and 173.411) or an excepted package per 49 CFR 173.427 if shipped exclusive use. An IP2 engineering calculation and evaluation have been performed indicating that DOT requirements will be met regarding oxide shipment in the modified DUF6 cylinders.

### **Question 19:**

Section C, Table C.8: Are the buildings and systems listed in this table to be provided to the new contractor as government furnished?

### **Answer 19:**

Table C.8 lists facilities with installed equipment and systems which will be provided as Government furnished property. The nitrogen generation equipment is leased and it is anticipated that lease agreement will be transferred during transition.

### **Question 20:**

Section C.2.5.5: Will DOE provide the services/items set out in this section as Government Furnished Services and Items (GFSI) or will the new contractor have to make its own contractual arrangements with USEC to acquire these services/items?

### **Answer 20:**

The final RFP will include an attachment to Section J which describes the services to be provided by other entities, the nature of the required interface, and costing implications.

### **Question 21:**

Section C.3.1: Please explain further what is meant by the sentence: "After the Contractor accepts responsibility for the Conversion Facilities, for up to 270 days the Contractor will perform a Readiness Assessment (RA), hot functional testing, and partial Conversion Operations, ramping up to Conversion Operations."

### **Answer 21:**

The DOE expects certain activities will occur after the contract award which will lead to Conversion Operations. For proposal preparation purposes this period has been set at 270 days. After award the contractor may find ways to shorten that time period, or events may lengthen the time period, and these differences would be addressed through the contract administration processes.

### **Question 22:**

Section C.3.1.2.5: Can we assume section H will be available with the RFP?

### **Answer 22:**

Section H will be issued with the final RFP release.

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### **Question 23:**

Section C.3.2 provides details of the transition, the ORR is key. Does DOE contemplate conducting an ORR before facility construction & testing is complete, or must testing be complete before the ORR?

### **Answer 23:**

All construction and cold testing will be complete before the ORR. Hot functional testing will occur after the ORR is approved.

### **Question 24:**

Section C.4.6: What AqHF storage capability has been designed in the current facility design?

### **Answer 24:**

The storage capacity at Paducah is six (6) 10,000-gallon vessels (60,000 gallons), and the storage capacity at Portsmouth is five (5) 10,000-gallon vessels (50,000 gallons). There is also approximately 300 gallons of capacity per line contained in the HF receiver and Overflow tanks as part of the HF Recovery System.

### **Question 25:**

Section C.4.9: Will a DOE facility be available for disposal from KY and OH?

### **Answer 25:**

The facilities available for disposal will depend on the circumstances of the specific material.

### **Question 26:**

Section C.5.3.2.4: What permits may DOE require the new contractor to sign as owner or only as the operator?

### **Answer 26:**

Please see the Final EISs, Chapter 6, and TABLE 6.1 Potentially Applicable Consents for the Construction and Operation of a DUF6 Conversion Facility (some of these may only apply to construction of the facilities, which is not in the scope of the procurement). The final EISs may be found at: <http://web.ead.anl.gov/uranium/documents/index.cfm>

### **Question 27:**

Section C.5.5: Will DOE provide more details regarding sale of AqHF and the contract dated May 1, 2006 prior to the date comments are due on the draft RFP or during the formal solicitation.

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### **Answer 27:**

The current AqHF sales agreement will be posted to the DUF6 website as a reference before the final RFP is released. Section H.1 which describes the AqHF sale will be part of the final RFP.

### **Question 28:**

Section C.5.5: What level is the DOE-approved free release limit of radioactive material?

### **Answer 28:**

It is anticipated that the free-release limit related to AqHF will be provided as an attachment to Section J in the final RFP.

### **Question 29:**

Section C.5.6.3: Have rates been established with rail and truck carriers which may be used by the new contractor or will the new contractor have to negotiate new rates?

### **Answer 29:**

The contractor will have to negotiate rates.

### **Question 30:**

Section C.5.7.6: Will copies of the approved Documented Safety Analysis (DSAs) be available in the reading room?

### **Answer 30:**

The DSAs will be available on the DUF6 Operations website.

### **Question 31:**

Section C5.7.6 and C.5.7.7: Will copies of the Preliminary Documented Safety Analysis (PDSAs) be available in the reading room? Can DOE provide the address for these documents on the DUF6 Operations website?

### **Answer 31:**

The PDSAs will be made available. The website address is <http://www.emcbc.doe.gov/DUF6/index.html>

### **Question 32:**

Section C.5.14.3: How is the cost for the Lexington facility to be reported in Section B, Table B-1, Portsmouth Contract Cost and Contract Fee and B-2, Paducah Contract Cost and Contract Fee?

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### **Answer 32:**

The costs should be included in the Estimated Contract Cost Elements. For proposal preparation purposes, DOE anticipates including an assumption in Section L.24 for a 50/50 split between contracts for the Lexington Office costs.

### **Question 33:**

Will the Conversion Facilities be operating prior to the new contractor being awarded the contract?

### **Answer 33:**

Section C.3.2 describes the timing of the contract notice-to-proceed following award. The notice-to-proceed follows completion of the incumbent contractor Operational Readiness Review (ORR). The DOE ORR and all pre-start findings will be completed by the incumbent contractor during the 90-day Mobilization and Transition Phase.

### **Question 34:**

Under scope; does this work include operational readiness or is it part of the current contract scope; placed under operational readiness by the current contractor as to make a orderly and cost effective transition to new contractor.

### **Answer 34:**

It is expected that the current contractor will perform an Operational Readiness Review (ORR). Section C.3.1.3.5 states this is not a restart of the nuclear facilities since the Incumbent Contractor will have completed the ORR. During the Mobilization and Transition Phase, which encompasses the first 90 days following the Contracting Officer's Notice to Proceed, the Incumbent Contractor shall close all ORR "pre-start" findings, and the Department will have approved the ORR and completed a DOE ORR. During the Mobilization and Transition Phase the Contractor shall perform those activities necessary to transition the work from the Incumbent Contractor in a manner that: (1) assures that work for which the Contractor is responsible under the contract is continued without disruption; (2) provides an orderly transfer of resources, responsibilities and accountability from the Incumbent Contractor; and (3) provides for the Contractor to perform work in an efficient, effective, and safe manner.

### **Question 35:**

Is the 90 & 270 day periods (Mob & Transition, S/U phase) locked down? Can these durations be modified?

### **Answer 35:**

The durations are fixed for proposal purposes.

### **Question 36:**

What percentage of the cylinders are lower assay (less than 0.25 U? Portsmouth? Paducah?



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### **Answer 36:**

Of the DUF6 inventory at the Paducah site, 32% is 0.25% assay or less; of the DUF6 inventory at the Portsmouth site, 42% is 0.25% assay or less.

### **Question 37:**

Is there an existing computerized maintenance management system (CMMS) in place or procured, and what is its status?

### **Answer 37:**

There is a CMMS in place and it is currently being used for maintenance activities.

### **Question 38:**

What is the status of operator/maintenance personnel from a 1) hiring/staffing and 2) training standpoint?

### **Answer 38:**

Operator/maintenance personnel are currently being hired and trained in preparation for the ORR.

### **Question 39:**

How are cylinder moved?

### **Answer 39:**

Cylinders are moved with cylinder movers, flat-bed trucks, cranes and specially designed cylinder carts.

### **Question 40:**

How long ago was the new rail spur to DUF6 built?

### **Answer 40:**

Portsmouth rail spur was completed January 2008. Paducah rail spur was completed in August 2008.

### **Question 41:**

Is rail spur used for incoming cylinders?

### **Answer 41:**

No. The rail spur is for shipment of conversion products.

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### **Question 42:**

When is the first cylinder scheduled to be moved into DUF6 for processing according to the current baseline schedule?

### **Answer 42:**

Latest date for first cylinder processing would be October 2010 for Portsmouth and January 2011 for Paducah.

### **Question 43:**

Will the railcars for DUF6 cylinders be supplied as GFSI?

### **Answer 43:**

Yes, it is anticipated that the railcars will be supplied as Government furnished property.

### **Question 44:**

How many railcars can load out HF at one time?

### **Answer 44:**

Only one railcar can be loaded with HF at a time.

### **Question 45:**

What is the designed or expected ratio of full cylinders to empty cylinders from the perspective of refilling? Does one full DUF6 cylinder result in one cylinder full of UOx? For every cylinder of oxide generated how many cylinders of DUF6 are processed?

### **Answer 45:**

The ratio of DUF6 to UOx is approximately 1 to 1. The operation of the roll compactor controls the bulk density of the UOx material.

### **Question 46:**

What percentage of operations are designed for full automatic control?

### **Answer 46:**

The cylinder evacuation and conversion processes are close to fully automatic. Cylinder handling and most support systems are not fully automatic.

### **Question 47:**

Please speak to the foreign ownership control requirements for this RFP. How is DOE going to enforce this?

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### **Answer 47:**

This RFP currently does not require facility clearance, thus FOCI is not required. The contract does have Export-Controlled Information (ECI). Section H of the final RFP will provide additional information regarding foreign ownership.

### **Question 48:**

When does the current AqHF contract expire?

### **Answer 48:**

The sales agreement shall be effective for an initial term of five (5) years, beginning on the date commercial production commences.

### **Question 49:**

Will DOE develop and provide a listing of the Government Property which will be available for use under the contract and provide it as part of the formal RFP?

### **Answer 49:**

The Government furnished property, services and items will be released with the final RFP or as a reference on the DUF6 webpage before release of the final RFP.

### **Question 50:**

Section L.1 (f) (6): This provision allows the Government to make multiple awards. The draft RFP indicates elsewhere (provisions L.5 and L.16 for example) that the same contractor will be awarded two contracts, one for performance at PORTS and the other for performance at PGDP. Does this provision also allow the Government to further split awards and award more than one contract at each of the two locations?

### **Answer 50:**

It is DOE's intent to award two contracts to one contractor.

### **Question 51:**

Section L.9 (b): If the offeror proposes to use an EVMS that has not been determined to be in compliance with the ANSI/EIA standard 748 is the comprehensive plan for compliance with the EVMS guidelines to be submitted as part of the offeror's Technical proposal? If so, does the page limit include this plan?

### **Answer 51:**

The offeror's plan to achieve compliance with ANSI/EIA standard 748, if not already in compliance, is required as part of the proposal. The SEB will clarify in the final RFP that the EVMS plan for compliance is not subject to the page limitation.

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### **Question 52:**

Section L.10: This provision indicates that there will be a pre-proposal conference at each site following release of the solicitation. The cover letter to the draft RFP indicates that there will be only one pre-solicitation conference at the Portsmouth conversion facility. Will DOE conduct additional pre-proposal conferences at each site after release of the formal RFP or will the pre-proposal conference to be held in January 2009 be the only pre-proposal conference? If the January 2009 conference is the only one to be held, how will interested parties be able to inspect the Paducah conversion facility?

### **Answer 52:**

After release of the final RFP the SEB expects to conduct a Pre-Proposal Conference at both the Portsmouth and Paducah sites, including a more extensive facility tour at both sites.

### **Question 53:**

Section L.16: Will the Government negotiate both contracts at the same time or will they be negotiated at different times?

### **Answer 53:**

The DOE will select the successful contractor to be awarded both contracts as a single solicitation effort.

### **Question 54:**

Section L.16: Does the provision mean that if an offeror is awarded the first contract then it will also be awarded the second contract at a later date?

### **Answer 54:**

A single contractor will be awarded both contracts. They may be awarded the same day with different notice-to-proceed dates, or the award date for the second may lag the first.

### **Question 55:**

Section L.21(c): This provision indicates that only one package is to be submitted in response to the RFP. Does this mean that separate technical proposals for each of the two contracts are not required? If separate technical proposals are required for each of the two contracts, does the page limit in provision L.23 apply to both the technical proposals or to each one?

### **Answer 55:**

Because the two facilities are nearly identical, a single technical proposal will be used to evaluate offerors. Offerors may highlight areas they see as unique between the two sites. The SEB expects offerors will use the Operational Transition and Startup Plan submitted as part of the proposal to address transfer of knowledge and startup information from one site to the next.

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### **Question 56:**

Section L.22 (n): The bolded language indicates that if an offeror proposes exceptions and/or deviations to the Terms and Conditions of the solicitation, the proposal may be determined to be unacceptable and not eligible for award. Does this provision also apply to exceptions to requirements in the SOW?

### **Answer 56:**

The Section L.22 (n) refers to the entire RFP, including the Statement of Work.

### **Question 57:**

Section L.23(b)(1): This provision states that the offeror is to provide and Operations Transition and Start-up Plan (OTSP) as part of its Technical proposal and which is expected to be usable immediately upon contract award. How can an offeror develop this plan without some amount of transition to learn exact plant status and operational readiness?

### **Answer 57:**

Technical references, including designs, drawings, plans, procedures, and program documents, are scheduled to be posted to the DUF6 website prior to final RFP release. The exact plant status is post-Operational Readiness Review with all deficiencies corrected by the incumbent as described in Section C.3.2. Any adjustments to the OTSP that may be required due to variance from these conditions will be addressed during contract transition and the contractor Readiness Assessment.

### **Question 58:**

Section L.23 (b) (1): How much detail is expected to be included in the OTSP given that the Technical Proposal has a limit of 150 pages which include the attachments?

### **Answer 58:**

The Operational Transition and Startup Plan (OTSP) is not subject to the page limitation per L.23 (b) (1) third paragraph.

### **Question 59:**

Section L.24(c): This provision states that the offerors should assume an anticipated effective date for the Mobilization and Transition Phase of April 1, 2010 for the Portsmouth contract and July 1, 2010 for the Paducah contract. These dates conflict with the statement in the cover letter that award is expected to be in late 2010. Does DOE anticipate that the award will be in early 2010 in order to have the assumptions to be valid or will DOE revise the assumed effective dates in the formal RFP so that the offerors can based their offers on a more accurate assumption of the performance periods?

### **Answer 59:**

The SEB will review the most current information available and revise the final RFP as appropriate before release.

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### **Question 60:**

Section L.24 (e) (5): This provision indicates that the offeror should review the hiring preferences set out in Section H of the solicitation. This section/information was not included in the draft RFP. Can it be provided prior to the date comments are due on the draft RFP?

### **Answer 60:**

Section H will be provided with the final RFP. Only the current Sections B, C, L and M will be available prior to the January 27, 2009 due date for comments.

### **Question 61:**

Section L.24 (e) (6): Is the Offeror's Cost and Fee Proposal detail required for subcontractors (\$10 million or more) applicable to one year or the five year contract period?

### **Answer 61:**

The \$10 million threshold applies to the entire subcontract period of performance.

### **Question 62:**

Section L.24 (l): This provision indicates that the government will provide a list of GFSI in Section J. This information was not included in the draft RFP. Can it be provided prior to the date comments are due on the draft RFP?

### **Answer 62:**

Section J and attachments will be provided with the final RFP. Only the current Sections B, C, L and M will be available prior to the January 27, 2009 due date for comments.

### **Question 63:**

Attachment L-7: The Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) Dictionary is incomplete, when does DOE expect to complete it?

### **Answer 63:**

The SEB is only specifying the WBS to Level 5, and Attachment L-7 is believed complete as depicted. The successful contractor is expected to develop the WBS to the appropriate level below Level 5, consistent with the contractor's project management approach and systems. Section H.20 in the final RFP will provide more information related to this question.

### **Question 64:**

What qualifications and staff quality do you need for this type of facility?

### **Answer 64:**

Staff quantity, quality, and organization are elements of the proposal (see L.23 and L.24) which the DOE will evaluate as a potential discriminator between offerors. This is a Category

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3 nuclear facility with chemical hazards and regulated wastes. The final RFP will have a list of Federal Regulations and DOE orders attached to Section J which will be instructive.

### **Question 65:**

The draft RFP would allow only 30 minutes for the key personnel team to prepare an answer to the SEB problem, and 30 minutes to present the answer. My experience, both at DOE and outside, is that more than 30 minutes of preparation time is needed to prepare the most effective solution to any sample problem. Also, my experience is that more than 30 minutes of observation is required for the SEB to understand how the team works together under the leadership of the Project Manager. I strongly recommend, therefore, that you increase the problem preparation time to one hour and the presentation time to 45 minutes (both morning and afternoon). Otherwise, you will not get a good feel for the capabilities of all of the key people.

### **Answer 65:**

The SEB will consider expanding the allowed time for the oral presentations and problem for the final RFP.

### **Question 66:**

May I ask that you include an operational manual for the operation of all your DUF6 facilities for this proposal? The manual to address--(1)--Required departments and work load, (Staff and job description) (2)--Material delivery, processing and disposal methods. (Inventory Management) (3)--Type of equipment and maintenance schedule in all the facilities.

### **Answer 66:**

Various operational documents and procedures will be posted to the DUF6 website prior to release of the final RFP. However, the staffing and job assignments, material processing and disposal approach, and facility surveillance and maintenance are elements of the proposal (see L.23) which the DOE will evaluate as a potential discriminator between offerors.

### **Question 67:**

Would the Government consider holding one-on-one meetings with the interested teams? We have found this approach beneficial to both parties during the Draft RFP stage of previous large procurements.

### **Answer 67:**

The SEB does not anticipate that one-on-one meetings would be particularly helpful for this procurement as the basic approach, technology, process and facility is established.

### **Question 68:**

Will the Oral Presentation and sample problem be in an office or a field setting?

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### **Answer 68:**

Per the draft RFP the sample problem will involve the DUF6 operations and will be performed at the EMCBC Offices.

### **Question 69:**

Given the large population of data on the govt website, how much time will you allow for a proposal? Please break down the 2 year evaluation plan.

### **Answer 69:**

Per Section L, the DOE intends to allow 60 days for proposal preparation. The detail of the SEB schedule is Source Selection information that will not be released at this time.

### **Question 70:**

Is the DUF 6 re-procurement article accurate in that past performance will only count 5% towards selecting the winning contractor?

### **Answer 70:**

The SEB will consider revising the relative importance of evaluation factors for the final RFP.

### **Question 71:**

Will innovations not in current work scope that provide true value to the government receive additional value in the evaluation process?

### **Answer 71:**

Section M has the evaluation criteria and DOE selection will be an overall best-value judgment.

### **Question 72:**

Will the RFP include an evaluation incentive for the use of small or disadvantage business?

### **Answer 72:**

The DOE intends to evaluate the contractors proposed use of small and small disadvantaged business as part of the Business Management factor.

### **Question 73:**

For cost purposes we are to assume disposal in Utah and NTS. WCS is expected to receive their LLW disposal license in the very near term. Will teams be allowed to propose disposal at WCS as an alternative to the 2 previous named facilities?



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### **Answer 73:**

The cost instruction requires a 50/50 use of the Nevada Test Site (NTS) and the Utah commercial facility. Offerors are free to describe alternatives they may wish to consider or implement following contract award.

### **Question 74:**

Will you check the financial capabilities of firm's proposing? How would you handle a company that becomes incapable?

### **Answer 74:**

The Contracting Officer will make a responsibility determination prior to award. Post-award actions cannot be determined at this time.

### **Question 75:**

Is the DOE considering fee based on performance (e.g waste disposed, cylinders processed) or will fee be based on award fee only?

### **Answer 75:**

The contracts are award fee and the Performance Evaluation Management Plan (PEMP) will specify the basis for fee each year.

### **Question 76:**

Can DOE provide the financial caps for each of the contract years?

### **Answer 76:**

The DOE does not intend to provide this information.

### **Question 77:**

DOE currently has contracts with entities at both Paducah and Portsmouth of equal size to the anticipated DUF6 contract, but does not require a separate Lexington office. To keep costs to a minimum, corporate functions could be established at either plant site. Why is this contract requiring a Lexington office?

### **Answer 77:**

In order to implement consistent policies and procedures for the two sites as well as appropriate coordination with Senior DOE Leadership, the DUF6 Federal Project Director, Business and Contract Management which are based in Lexington for this Project, it is the minimum expectation that the Contractor's Lexington Office provide Senior Project Leadership and interface with Senior PPPO Management and Leadership for Finance, Project Controls and Contract Management. Each offeror may optimize their organization and functions as they deem appropriate to minimize duplication of costs.

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**Question 78:**

Will all SEB members observe all Oral Presentations of all presentators?

**Answer 78:**

The answer is Source Selection information which the agency does not intend to release at this time.

**Question 79:**

Has a Source Selection Official been selected? Can DOE identify the SSO?

**Answer 79:**

The answer is Source Selection information which the agency does not intend to release at this time.

**Question 80:**

What is the number of employees currently supporting the UDS effort?

**Answer 80:**

This information is scheduled to be posted on the DUF6 website at the time the final RFP is released.

**Question 81:**

Please give or provide the list of attendants to the meeting

**Answer 81:**

This will be posted to the website.

**Question 82:**

Will the incumbent contractor, UDS, or any of its team members or affiliates be allowed to submit offers?

**Answer 82:**

UDS and its team members and affiliates are not precluded from submitting an offer.

**Question 83:**

Please explain the 25 years mission. When does it start and when doe it end? UDS has already spent how many of those years?

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### **Answer 83:**

The 25 year conversion period starts with the start of Conversion Operations; it ends when the conversion is completed at both sites, expected to take 25 years or less. The current contract duration is not included in the 25 years.

### **Question 84:**

How long have the cylinders been stored?

### **Answer 84:**

Some cylinders have been stored since the early days of enrichment in the 1950's to the present.

### **Question 85:**

Are all the systems observed on the tour for DUF6 exclusive use?

### **Answer 85:**

Yes, the focus of the tour was DUF6-exclusive systems and facilities.

### **Question 86:**

Are there any areas or systems outside of the DUF6 fenced area that are for DUF6 use?

### **Answer 86:**

Yes, cylinder yards, and DUF6 portion of utilities, rail and road infrastructure.

### **Question 87:**

Where is the employee parking lot for the DUF6?

### **Answer 87:**

Employee parking is adjacent to the warehouse and administration building.

### **Question 88:**

What is the DUF6 warehouse used for?

### **Answer 88:**

The DUF6 warehouse is used for maintenance, storage of materials and staging of the cylinder yard operators.

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### **Question 89:**

In reviewing an article in the Paducah Sun and your welcome page for the above mentioned request for proposal, I'd like to look further into this project and speak with someone that would be involved with the transportation portion of this proposal.

### **Answer 89:**

The successful contractor will be responsible for coordinating and managing the transport of any material associated with the DUF6 project. You can investigate teaming, or participating as a subcontractor, with other companies also interested in bidding on the DUF6 procurement. Specific questions on the procurement should be directed to the Contracting Officer.

### **Question 90:**

Employees that have not paid their child support for up to two months and are found guilty for not making the payments by the courts are felons. This stays in their police/arrest record as convicted felons. Are child support non-payment felons permitted to be hired and work on your facility for DE-RP30-08CC40015?

### **Answer 90:**

Conviction of a crime by a contractor's principal or affiliate can affect an offeror's eligibility to perform government contracts. See the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) provisions on debarment and suspension at 9.406-2 and 9.407.2. Also, the FAR does not prohibit but restricts the use of convicts as employees. See FAR 22.201 and 52.222-3. The FAR can be found online at <http://acquisition.gov/far/index.html>

### **Question 91:**

Will participation in this project affect the DOE security clearance that any direct participant may have?

### **Answer 91:**

Security clearances are not currently required for the scope of these contracts.

### **Question 92:**

Is deer hunting allowed on-site?

### **Answer 92:**

Deer hunting occurs on-site only through special arrangements.